

MINUTES
TOWN OF GROTON
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
JUNE 17, 2014 - 7:00 P.M.
GROTON TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2

Members Present: Moriarty, Somers, Brady, Kimenker
Alternates Present: Brewer
Absent: Everett, Levenson
Staff: Vandenbosch, Galetta

Chairperson Moriarty called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and sat Brewer for Everett.

MOTION: To waive the reading of the hearing procedure.

Motion made by Brady seconded by Kimenker, so voted unanimously.

Brady read the call of the hearing.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

HDC 14-23 – 36 Pearl Street; Katherine Flanagan, owner/applicant; Replace fence. PIN #261918420194 – Continued

Katherine Flanagan, owner of 36 Pearl Street, presented to the Commission to propose replacing fencing on her property. The idea is to use cedar picket fencing along the front near the house and aluminum, with a wrought iron look, to enclose the pool area. Pressure treated wooden posts with ball post tops will be evenly spaced 6' – 8' apart. There will be approximately 12 sections of fencing. The aluminum fence will be 6' tall to provide privacy near the pool on Pearl Street and along the Clift Street side. The pickets will have quad finials and will be spaced apart per pool code requirements. The wooden picket fence will be 4' tall with pickets spaced 1¾" apart. The plan is to have 4 gates, 2 of the gates will be white picket and the other 2 will be aluminum.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Plot plan
- Photographs
- Gate materials & dimensions

Chairperson Moriarty asked for comments in favor or against and there were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:47 p.m.

HDC 14-24 – 0 West Main Street; Town of Groton, owner; James Roy, applicant; Modify COA #1927. PIN #261918305896 E

James Roy, of 233 River Road, presented to the Commission regarding modifying the previously approved COA #1927. The original request was for one large 30" x 20" plaque on the boulder in the Bank Street Corner parklet located at 0 West Main Street. The applicant is now proposing two small 24" x 14" plaques instead. The plaque honoring John Kelley will be located on the front and the plaque with the donor names on the back of the boulder.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Photographs

Chairperson Moriarty asked for comments in favor or against and there were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:08 p.m.

HDC 14-25 – 9 Ashby Street; Stambaugh Realty LLC, owner; Peter Springsteel, applicant; Addition to garage. PIN #261806299569

Architect Peter Springsteel, representing John Stambaugh owner of the property at 9 Ashby Street, presented to the Commission. He explained that there are two structures on the property. There is a main stick-style house and a detached garage/accessory apartment built approximately 9 years ago. The applicant is proposing a shed addition to the garage for storage purposes. An existing window will be removed to accommodate the shed. The material for the roof and siding will be the same as the existing garage and house. Most of the structure will be hidden from the public way with the exception of the roof.

The following exhibits were presented:

- Plot plan
- Photographs
- Drawings

Chairperson Moriarty asked for comments in favor or against and there were none. The public hearing was closed at 7:16 p.m.

The public hearing portion of the meeting was closed at 7:47 p.m.

II. DISCUSSION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARING

HDC 14-23 – 36 Pearl Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Brewer seconded by Kimenker, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #1943

HDC 14-24 – 0 West Main Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Kimenker seconded by Brewer, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #1941

HDC 14-25 – 9 Ashby Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Kimenker seconded by Brewer, so voted unanimously. Issued Certificate of Appropriateness #1942

III. PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS

Bill O'Donnell, owner of 8 Latham Street, appeared before the Commission. His house was converted into a two-family and he is in the process of converting it back to a one-family. An application was brought before the Commission in December 2013 by Architect Peter Springsteel. The applicant is now requesting changes to the approved plan which involve the deck. He would like to revise the rear porch design to include a balcony rather than a covered porch and to move the deck staircase on the east side of the house to the south side of the deck. The staircase landing will extend the deck slightly.

Christopher Helal owner of 18 Elm Street appeared before the Commission to propose installing a shed on his property. He previously received a Certificate of Appropriateness to remove structures from his property and would now like to replace them. He also discussed replacing some existing fencing that would be like for like.

IV. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF June 3, 2014

MOTION: To approve the minutes of June 3, 2014.

Motion made by Kimenker, seconded by Moriarty, so voted unanimously.

VI. OLD BUSINESS – None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Staff noted a referral to the Commission of a proposed zoning regulation amendment change to allow the keeping of hens on residential properties that will be heard on July 2, 2014.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. made by Kimenker, seconded by Moriarty, so voted unanimously.

Todd Brady, Secretary
Historic District Commission

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